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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

EDWARD ALICEA
W84175

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing
DATE OF HEARING: June 3, 2021
DATE OF DECISION: November 15, 2021

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Gloriann Moroney, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sheila Dupre, Tina Hurley, Colette Santa

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On September 19, 2004, in Hampden Superior Court, Edward Alicea was found guilty of unarmed robbery. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole.

Mr. Alicea appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on June 3, 2021 and was not represented by counsel. This was Mr. Alicea's second appearance before the Board having been denied in 2019. The entire video recording of Mr. Alicea's June 3, 2021, hearing is fully incorporated by reference to the Board's decision.

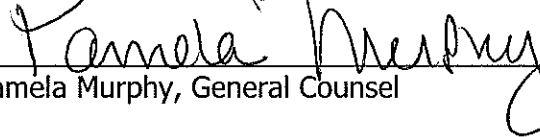
DECISION OF THE BOARD: After careful consideration of all relevant facts, including the nature of the underlying offense, the age of the inmate at the time of offense, criminal record, institutional record, the inmate's testimony at the hearing, and the views of the public as expressed at the hearing or in written submissions to the Board, we conclude by unanimous vote that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole. Reserve to Interstate Compact Rhode Island. Mr. Alicea has served approximately 18 years for the robbery of a Wendy's restaurant in Springfield. He has remained sober throughout this incarceration. He has completed extensive rehabilitative programming to address need areas. Many of those programs were recommended by the Board in its prior decision. He continuously displayed an overall positive adjustment and was transferred to minimum security in July of 2019. He remains program compliant and is employed as the head of horticulture. He appears to have a solid support network and parole plan.

The applicable standard used by the Board to assess a candidate for parole is: "Parole Board Members shall only grant a parole permit if they are of the opinion that there is a reasonable probability that, if such offender is released, the offender will live and remain at liberty without violating the law and that release is not incompatible with the welfare of society."


In forming this opinion, the Board has taken into consideration Mr. Alicea's institutional behavior, as well as his participation in available work, educational, and treatment programs during the period of his incarceration. The Board has also considered a risk and needs assessment and whether risk reduction programs could effectively minimize Mr. Alicea's risk of recidivism. After applying this appropriately high standard to the circumstances of Mr. Alicea's case, the Board is of the opinion that Mr. Alicea is rehabilitated and merits parole at this time, subject to special conditions.

Special Conditions: Reserve Interstate Compact – Rhode Island to an approved home plan; Waive work for two weeks; Must be at home between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.; ELMO-electronic monitoring; Supervise for drugs, testing in accordance with agency policy; Supervise for liquor abstinence, testing in accordance with agency policy; Report to assigned MA Parole Office on day of release; No contact with victim(s); Substance abuse evaluation – adhere to plan; Must have mental health counseling for adjustment/transition and PTSD.

I certify that this is the decision and reasons of the Massachusetts Parole Board regarding the above referenced hearing.



Pamela Murphy, General Counsel



Date